

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 1, line 8 to page 2, line 8 as follows:

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The present invention is related to applications entitled A System Area Network of End-to-End Context via Reliable Datagram Domains, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,354, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0625-US1, filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; Method and Apparatus for Pausing a Send Queue without Causing Sympathy Errors, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,340, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0626-US1, filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; Method and Apparatus to Perform Fabric Management, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,334, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0627-US1, filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; End Node Partitioning using LMC for a System Area Network, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,351, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0628-US1, filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; Method and Apparatus for Dynamic Retention of System Area Network Management Information in Non-Volatile Store, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,365, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0629-US1, filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; Method and Apparatus for Retaining Network Security Settings Across Power Cycles, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,337, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0630-US1, filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; Method and Apparatus for Reporting Unauthorized Attempts to Access Nodes in a Network Computing System, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,348, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0631-US1, filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; Method and Apparatus for Reliably Choosing a Master Network Manager During Initialization of a Network Computing System, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,346, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0632-US1, filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; Method and Apparatus for Ensuring Scalable Mastership During Initialization of a System Area Network, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,341, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0633-US1 filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October 19, 2000; and Method and Apparatus for Using a Service ID for the Equivalent of a Port ID in a Network Computing System, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 09/692,352, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0634-US1 filed [[\_\_\_\_\_]] October

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19, 2000, all of which are assigned to the same assignee, and incorporated herein by reference.

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